(c) if so, what remedial steps are being taken to ensure that the claims of deserving local persons are not wilfully neglected?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Mandhar Unit of Cement Corporatioon of India Ltd. (CCI) has employed 84 persons whose lands were acquired for the factory. CCI follows recruitment policy based on Government instructions.

Small Scale and Cottage Industries owned by SC and ST

3463. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of Small Scale and Cottage industries in the country which are owned by the members of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes respectively;

(b) whether Government are planning to bring their participation on at par with the percentage of their population; and

(c) if so, what are the new initiatives in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Levy and non-levy cement

3464. SHRI RAMSINGBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of guidelines adopted for the allotment of levy and non-levy cement to States;

(b) what was the requirement of levy cement of Gujarat and other States during the period 1st January, 1983 and 31st December, 1987;

(c) what were the allocations and actual supply of cement to each State during the above period and at what rate; and

(d) what is the requirement of levy cement of Gujarat for the years 1988 and 1989 and what quantum is proposed to be allocated to the States during the above two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) the allocations of levy cement are made after taking into account the limited availability of levy cement and the need for execution of development works in the priority sectors. Additional *ad hoc* allocations are also made at times to meet urgent requirements on account of national calamities and execution of certain special projects. Hilly and inaccessible regions are given special consideration.

As regards the non levy cement, it is free from distribution control and as such the question of guidelines for its allotment does not arise.

(b) In view of the limited availability of levy cement, the requirements of State Governments for levy cement are not obtained on a regular basis and the State Governments have also not been indicating their requiremets on a regular basis.

(c) A statement shewing the allocation and actual supply of levy cement to each State under State Quota (excluding irrigation and power) during the years 1983 to 1987 is attached. [*See* Appendix CXLV, Annexure No. 122]

Supply of levy cement is made at the rate fixed under the provisions of Cement Control Order, 1967 from time to time.

(d) As stated in reply to part (a) of the Question, in view of the limited availability of levy cement, the requirements of State Governmnets for levy cement are not obtained on a regular basis. The allocation to the States is made on a quarterly basis after estimating cement production and taking into account the availability of levy cement in each quarter. In quarter I/88 (Jan-March, 1988) Gujarat State was allocated a quantity of 87,200 M.T.

Hike in the Drug prices

3465. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Economic Times of 15th Mrach 1988 under the heading "Drug prices may go up by 15 per cent";

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the prices of empicillin, Amoxycillin, Gentamycin, Erythromycin, Chloremphenicol, Cephalexin, and other Antibiotics are already very high;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the prices of Vitamin preparations will go up tremendously due to increase of MAPE from 60 per cent to 100 per cent on combination of vitamins, price decontrol of bulk vitamins as well as single ingredient branded vitamins finished medicines and due to withdrawal of exemption of excise duty; and

(d) what are the names of finished antibiotics and vitamin preparations whose prices have gone up after the announcement of DPCO 1987 and how much further increase is expected due to withdrawal of exemption of excise duty?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The prices of drugs referred to in the question are regulated as per provisions of DPCO, 1987.

(c) The prices of combinations containing vitamin(s) are also regulated as per provisions of DPCO, 1987. The producers of non-scheduled single ingredient vitamin preparations are free to revise the prices of their products as per provisions of DPCO 1987.

(d) The overall impact of the new excise duty structure is yet to be assessed;

Sales turn-over of Saridon, etc.

3466. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state;

(a) what was the sales turn-over and share in the market of Saridon, Equagesic, Esgipyrine, Vovern taken into consideration by the Kelkar Committee;

(b) whether Government have verified the sales turn-over and market share of each as per DRG; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) Sales turn-over of formulations is not monitored.

Inclusion of vaccines under Category I

3467. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kelkar Committee and Government have received a number of representations for inclusion of vaccines to combat Diptheria, Tetanus and Triple Antigen under Category I of price control;

(b) if so, what is the number of such representations received and